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## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### SIR JOHN FRENCH'S REPORT.

### BRITISH TROOPS ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE.

The Summit of Hartmannswillerkopf Retaken.

EXPORT OF RAW COTTON PROHIBITED.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### SIR JOHN FRENCH'S REPORT.

#### THE BATTLE AT YPRES.

British Troops Assume the Offensive.

April 27, 2.55 p.m.

Field Marshal Sir John French reports that yesterday all the German attacks northeast of Ypres were repulsed. Our troops took the offensive in the afternoon, and made progress near St. Julien and westward thereof; the French troops co-operated with our left and re-took Hetsas, further northward. In the course of fighting our artillery took full advantage of several opportunities of inflicting severe casualties.

There is nothing to report along the remainder of the front.

In addition to the destruction of the Courtrai junction, our airmen yesterday successfully bombed the stations and junctions of Tournai, Ronbaix, Ingelmunster, Staden, Langemarck, Thielt and Boulers.

#### EXPORT OF RAW COTTON PROHIBITED.

April 27, 2.55 p.m.

The Gazette publishes an order prohibiting the export of raw cotton, except to France, Russia, Spain and Portugal.

#### FRENCH COMMUNIQUES.

##### HARTMANNSWILLERKOPF SUMMIT RETAKEN.

April 27, 4.20 p.m.

A Paris message says that we re-captured the summit of Hartmannswillerkopf yesterday evening, and took some prisoners. Otherwise there is nothing to report except the consolidation of the extension of our progress both to the north of Ypres and on the heights of the Meuse.

(Paris Telegram.)

Enemy's Fruitless Efforts.

April 28.

Yesterday in the Ypres region very violent fighting prevailed, all of which turned to the advantage of the Allies. We also progressed on the right bank of the Yser Canal along which we further pursued our offensive to-day.

All the efforts of the enemy at Les Eperges, Notre Dame de Lorette and the heights of the Meuse were unfruitful.

The Petrograd communiqué states that a vigorous attack was delivered against the Russian positions in the Uzol Pass and this has been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Russian airmen have effectively bombed Neidenburg, Railway Station.

A report from Trieste states that, fearing an attack from the sea, all the hospitals have been vacated. Passports are refused to men from 42 to 50 years of age.

From Sofia comes the news that the Macedonian revolutionary Sandansky has been assassinated.

An official announcement from Mytilene states that on April 25 large English and French warships resumed the bombardment of the Turkish fortifications.

It is officially announced in the French newspapers that the French Government has recommended the inscription of the name of M. Garros in the orders of the day of the French Army.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

## WAR TELEGRAMS.

### EARLY TELEGRAMS.

#### THE CANADIANS.

#### THE CANADIANS' CASUALTIES.

Creates A Recruiting Boom.

April 26, 10.40 p.m.

The Canadian casualties on Thursday, Friday and Saturday total 21 officers killed and 59 wounded. To-night's list of killed includes Lieut. Colonel O'Charg, of Vancouver, who was a noted rifle shot, Colonel Buchall (Staff), and Lieut. Colonel Boyle, of Alberta.

The deed of the Canadians, coupled with the warm congratulations of King George to the Duke of Connaught, has produced intense enthusiasm throughout the Dominion. The authorities are inundated with offers of recruits, and not only will the gaps be immediately filled but there will be a large and further enlistment.

#### THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The Duke of Connaught's Tribute.

April 27, 5.00 a.m.

The King, in a message to the Duke of Connaught, expresses his congratulations in the warmest terms of the gallantry of the Canadians, and says the Dominion may justly proud.

The Duke of Connaught, in a letter to the Minister of Militia says that as an English Officer he is proud of the Canadians, who had brought honour to the British Army as well as to themselves. They had nobly done their part in a great struggle for the liberties and honour of our Empire against the tyranny and injustice of Germany.

#### ALMOST WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER.

A Wounded Canadian's Story.

April 26, 8.00 p.m.

The Canadians were sent to the northward of Ypres when the Frenchmen were bent back. They were almost without food and without water, and wet. Each had 400 rounds of ammunition. They waited the whole day, and it was nearly midnight when two battalions, were formed in line of half companies, and ordered to charge the enemy, who were 500 yards away. Some 2,500 Canadians attacked a wood containing 7,000 Germans, the wood was full of mines, but they stormed the trenches in front of the wood and went right through. Then they were surrounded by the enemy and dug themselves in, and remained there the next day, Friday, being subjected to constant shrapnel. Nevertheless, they recovered three French howitzers and blew them up and re-captured their own four guns, fiercely bayoneting the Germans. One German officer was seen to blow out his own brains. It was impossible to estimate the numbers of the German dead, but the German searchlights were working all night seeking dead and wounded.

A wounded Canadian said:—"The Prussian Guard were before us, and they ran like cowards. The Germans shelled anywhere, aiming continually at the dressing station under the Red Cross. We in 48 hours were almost foodless, though there was some in 72, but reinforcements arrived on Saturday. It was magnificent to see the Indian and French Lancers and heaps of British coming to relieve us and take up the positions which we had won. We lost most of our officers and many men."

Canadians speak in the bitterest manner of the German poison-gas fumes, which drove out the Turks. A terrible sight was when two Canadian platoons, who mistook the order, charged the enemy before the general body. They were met with a murderous fire, but never looked back, and all fell in charging the trench.

The Canadians pay a tribute to the tremendous pluck of a Canadian "fighting person," who, after fighting in a most valiant manner, brought in a German twice his own size. The Canadians are naturally delighted at their success, and are proud of the opportunity to show their worth.

#### THE DARDANELLES.

Successful Landing of the Army.

April 26, 6.45 p.m.

The Press Bureau announces that a general attack on the Dardanelles by the Fleet and the Army was resumed yesterday. The disembarkation of the Army, covered by the Fleet, began before sunrise at various points in Gallipoli, and despite serious opposition from the enemy, who were in strong entrenchments, protected by barbed wire, was completely successful. Before nightfall large forces were established on the shore. The landing of the army and the advance continues.

#### THE KRON PRINZ WILHELM.

To be Interned.

April 27, 3.05 a.m.

The auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm will be interned at Newport News.

#### PETROGRAD COMMUNIQUES.

April 27, 3.05 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd it is officially stated that yesterday an enemy cruiser bombarded two villages on the Polanger coast, in Courland. A Zeppelin also bombed Bielotok without doing any damage.

We repulsed attacks on the heights of Polen, in the Carpathians on Sunday.

A desperate battle began in the direction of Styria on Sunday, and it still continues.

The Black Sea Fleet bombarded the fort in the Bosphorus yesterday. A Turkish battleship in the Straits replied but without effect.

## WAR TELEGRAMS.

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NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

#### CONDENSED.

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A Paris communiqué says that we have re-captured the summit of Hartmannswillerkopf, and took some prisoners.

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Sir John French adds that we made progress near St. Julian and that the French troops co-operated with our left and re-took Hetsas.

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The main German strength northeast of Ypres is persistently attacking the British, whose left they are trying to turn with a view to capturing Ypres.

Two Turkish aeroplanes landed at Tenedos badly damaged by the Anglo-French Fleet. Several French aeroplanes dropped bombs on the magazine at Moidos.

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Japan has presented to China the minimum revised demands. They are substantially the same as the originals. China is required to agree to the railway demands subject to Japan arriving at an understanding with Great Britain.

#### DON'T FORGET.

#### TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

#### TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Charley's Aunt—Theatre Royal

#### Friday, April 30.

The China Borneo Co., Ltd. annual meeting of shareholders—noon.

#### Saturday, May 1.

Taikoo Rif, Club Concert,  
Quarry Bay—8.30 p.m.

#### Entertainment—Catholic Union Hall—9 p.m.

Monday, May 10.  
Clinton Insurance Co.'s meeting—11.30 a.m.

#### ITALY'S INTERVENTION EXPECTED.

April 28, 7.30 p.m.

Colonel Garibaldi, interviewed, said he was convinced Italy would be marching with the Allies before the re-opening of Parliament.

#### BRITISH CASUALTIES.

April 28, 7.30 p.m.

The latest casualties announced include the following:

Killed:—T. P. Lees, H. E. Pinhey, D. Sammerhayes.

Wounded:—G. Broade, J. MacL. Calder, A. H. Cope, R.

Corballis, J. H. Hadfield, R. H. Haycock, H. Jang, R. Le Sauvage,

J. Liebenrood, K. Ogle, G. E. Prior, J. F. Radcliffe (Devonshire),

T. Rome, S. Sampson, J. Savage, Armstrong, P. V. Stone, H.

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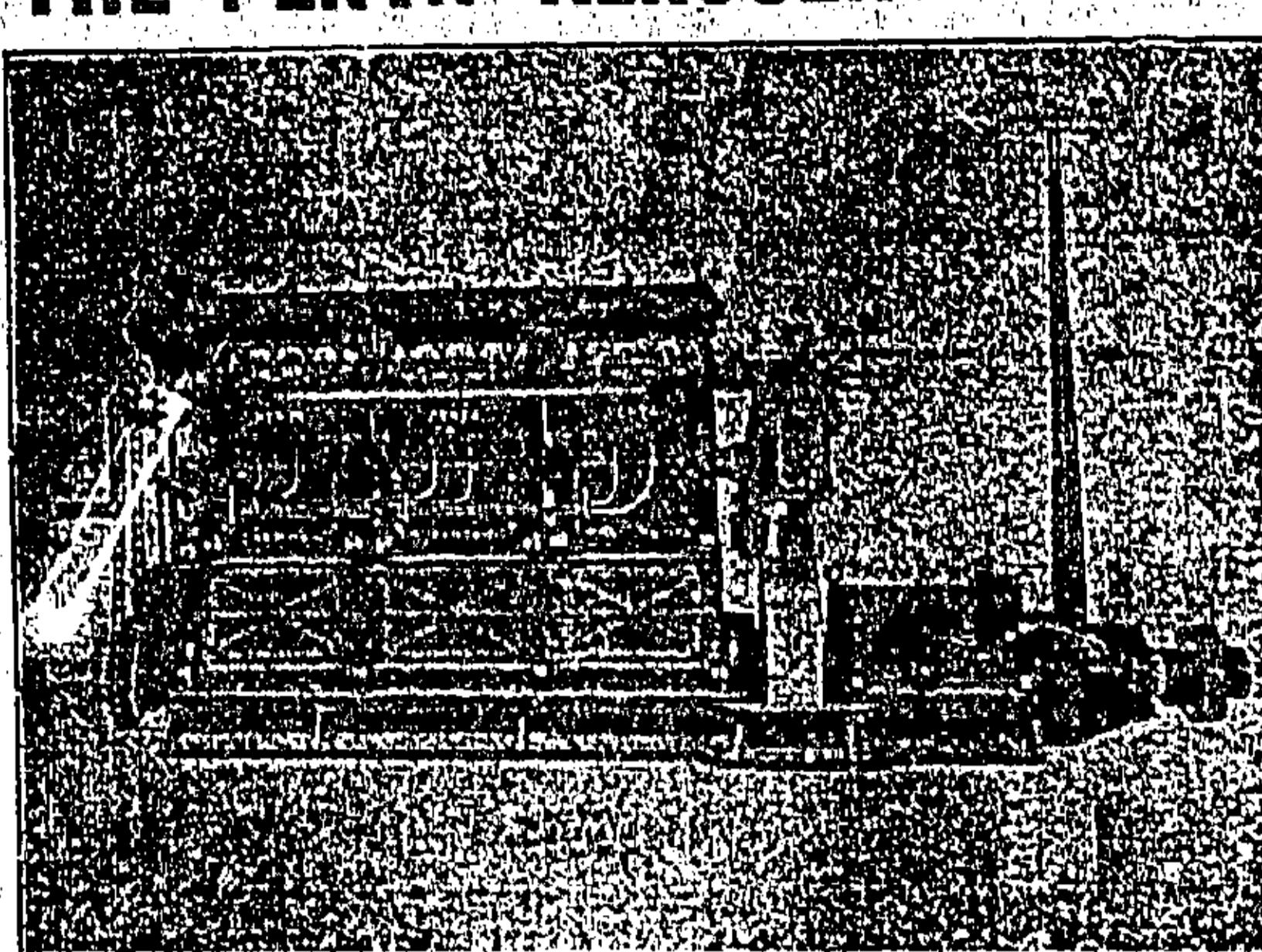
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South China Morning Post.

Matters of Moment.  
Every Britisher in this Colony will read with considerable interest the able review of the year made by the Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, which was published in yesterday's issue. Mr. Hewett was delightfully frank, and his observations, comprehensive and complete, in regard to many matters so vitally touching the interests of this colony will find universal endorsement. Who but the British Government would have lingered for years before equipping an important outpost like this with a wireless installation, and this in spite of strong and persistent representations made by influential public bodies? Happily, Hongkong is now having its needs supplied, and in the immediate future probably the authorities will give publicity to the facilities which will be available in this direction.

Daily Press.

Local Questions.  
Mr. Montague Ede happily capped the Chairman's observations on this subject when he said that if we realised the vital truth that German trade activity in the East was one of the manifestations of the Prussian Spirit of World Dominion, and not the result of economic pressure from within, "we should stand together, and as with our brethren in the trenches, have the common object of opposing this form as well as every other form of Prussianism." Whatever the lawyers may say as to the right of British subjects to trade with the alien enemy in a neutral State, it is obviously, from the moral point of view, the plain duty of every patriotic Briton, wherever he may have his commercial domicile, to act in this matter in conformity with the policy in force throughout the Empire. It is scarcely credible that any British firm or subject in China can at the present time be acting otherwise, but while legal pronouncements afford to British subjects the shadow of an excuse for trading with the enemy, it is well that our public men, and public bodies like the British Chambers of Commerce, should emphasize the unpatriotic character of the act, and, as Mr. Ede put it, point the way to Britons generally.

China Mail.

Home Railways and the War.  
Under this heading we recently referred to the admirable service rendered by the railways at home in the transporting of troops since the outbreak of war. Many inaccurate statements, we learn, have been made concerning the plan on which the companies are to be recompensed for the use of their lines, staff and stock. It has been asserted by some that the Government guarantees the dividends, whilst others have gone still further and affirmed that the Government had undertaken that the shareholders should not be worse off under war conditions than they were in peace. On this mistaken idea a claim was made that the workmen should be "treated as well as the shareholders," and by increase of wages compensated for the recent rise in the price of commodities. Even had it been true that the Government guaranteed dividends, the shareholders would have been very far from finding themselves in as good a position as before the war. Equally with men, they suffer from the rise in prices, and at the same time have to pay a heavily augmented income tax.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Rear-Admiral Drowned.  
News has reached Cheltenham of the death of Rear-Admiral William John Grogan from drowning. He is reported to have overbalanced himself and fallen over-board from his ship.

Admiral Grogan retired from the Royal Navy nearly seven years ago but offered his services to the Admiralty on the outbreak of the war. His offer was recently accepted. He was born in 1858 and his home was in Cheltenham.

Cardiff.—New Recorder.

The appointment of Mr. I. J. W. Williams, M.P., to be Recorder of Cardiff will cause a by-election in the Carmarthen district, which he has represented in the Liberal interest since 1900. Mr. Williams is deeply interested in all Welsh subjects and is the author of several essays on Welsh history. He it was who once said that St. George was not an Englishman but a bacon contractor to the Army in Cappadocia!

Gave His Life for His Dog.

An extraordinary case of a man sacrificing his life for his favourite dog was reported at Aberdeen, yesterday.

Allen Rattray, tailor and clothier, New Pitlochry, was motorizing with his brother to Fraserburgh. Suddenly a hare ran under the car. Rattray, thinking it was one of his favourite dogs, suddenly sprang out of the car to save the animal. He alighted on his head and fractured his skull. Six hours later he died.

The Late Insp. Gen. C. L. Lees, R.N.

The death has occurred, at the age of 80, of Deputy Inspector-General Charles Alexander Lees, R.N. (retired). The deceased officer served in China during the war of 1857-9, in charge of the garrison at Macao Fort, Canton River; he was in the Balliol off Peiho Forts in 1858. Under Surgeon Watson he attended the seriously wounded of the second attack (1859) of Peiho Forts and had the Chin medal.

New Colours for H.B.V.C.

An interesting ceremony was performed in Victoria Hall, Hankow, on April 13 when new colours—the Union Jack in silk crowned with the letters H.B.V.C. in monogram—were presented to the Hankow British Volunteers by the British ladies in the port. A speech at the presentation was made on their behalf by Mr. H. N. Fox, C. M. G., British Consul-General, and the colours were handed over with all due ceremony by Mrs. Fox, an appropriate reply on behalf of the volunteers being made by Captain Buttwell. Feminism and Natural History.

George Bernard Shaw would have the world believe that free will in the choice of a life partner has always been a myth as a male prerogative. Warren Blake, in the *Philadelphia Evening Ledger*, ventures the suggestion that Shaw studied natural history and was thereby aided to see the feminine world in a new light.

Mr. Blake recalls John Burroughs' description of the condor with which female birds fight for possession of a disputed spouse, which naturally awaits their decision, and concludes that "feminism antedates the 20th century, even antedates the female of our own species."

Is one to infer that the feminist movement is prompted by a desire simply to throw off the cloak of diplomacy that has masked woman's position of unsuspected powers of initiative?

Disastrous Fire at Moji.

A fire broke out in the electric power station of the Dairi Flour Mill in a suburb of Moji on the morning of 15th inst. The flames spread rapidly and three brick buildings, including two godowns, were gutted in two hours. The Mill belonged to the Suzuki Shōten, of Kobe. It was established in October 1911, with a capital of Yen 600,000. Its daily output was 2,000 bags. Its principal markets were Chugoku and Kiushu, but a large quantity of flour has been exported to the South Sea Islands since the outbreak of the great war. The damage is estimated to amount to Yen 1,250,000, viz., machinery and factory Yen 700,000, two godowns Yen 60,000, grain and flour Yen 500,000. The Mill is insured for about Yen 1,000,000, in nine insurance companies. The buildings can be repaired, and we understand that the Suzuki Shōten expects to open the Mill again in October.

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Fresh vegetables, 8z.

Pepper, 1-72oz.

2oz. cheese to be allowed as an alternative for 1oz. butter or margarine.

2oz. of peas, beans, lentils, or rice.

3. Canteens are provided for the purchase of tobacco, small luxuries, and other things which the prisoners may need.

4. Sanitary conditions—Sanitary arrangements of necessity differ in each camp. They are under the control of the medical officer in charge, and he is in frequent touch with the local medical officer of health. Two officers, experts in sanitation, constantly visit the various camps with a view to making the conditions as nearly perfect as possible.

That these efforts are being successful is evident by the fact that the number of deaths from natural causes up to the beginning of December in all places of internment have amounted to five, namely, one from valvular heart disease, two from aneurism of aorta, one from dropsy, one from typhoid (contracted before arrival in camp).

A resident medical officer forms part of the staff of each place of internment, and in each is a hospital where minor cases of sickness can be dealt with. More serious cases are removed to local hospitals, and in some cases to the German Hospital in London.

Soldier and sailor prisoners of war who require hospital treatment are admitted to military hospitals and treated in precisely the same way as British soldiers and sailors. Officers are in officers' wards.

5. Occupation.—Everything possible is done to provide the prisoners with recreation, mental and bodily, and in each place of internment a committee is formed from among the prisoners (whether soldiers or civilians) to organize amusements and to frame suggestions for occupation, either intellectual or athletic. In this the military authorities are aided by philanthropic individuals and bodies. In certain cases prisoners, both soldiers and civilians, have been employed in making roads, building huts for themselves, levelling and clearing ground. Civilians are employed on such work only if they volunteer for it, but should they do so, they are paid at the same rate as is given to soldiers, namely, that which is paid to our own soldiers in this country for similar work.

All prisoners do their own cooking, and generally look to the cleanliness and good order of their camps. Books are supplied in each place of internment.

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Apply to:—LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

etc., is kept in each camp, and is supplied to those who may have need of it free of charge. Several cases have been brought to notice where aliens have gambled away the garments given to them, and have accordingly suffered from want of clothing until this has been supplied for a second time.

7. Money.—Any money found on a prisoner on internment above a small sum (say £1) is taken in charge by the camp commandant and a receipt is given to the man, who can then draw on the balance in the commandant's hands at such times and in such amounts as he may require and the commandant may think advisable.

Similarly, money sent to a prisoner is, if in large amounts, taken in charge by the commandant, a receipt is given to the man, and he may obtain this money under the same conditions as money taken from him on internment.

For any sum of money paid to or received from either side a receipt is always given. Within these restrictions the amount which a prisoner may receive is unlimited.

8. Gifts, whether sent from a neutral country or received from other sources are permitted, subject only to inspection by the camp staff before delivery to the recipient.

9. Correspondence.—Every interned prisoner is permitted to write two letters a week, each consisting of two pages of ordinary writing paper, ruled. No writing is allowed between the lines. These are despatched twice a week after being censored. In special cases, where a man can show need for it, the number and length of his letters is unlimited. There is no limitation as to the number of letters which a man may receive. Letters from or to prisoners may be written in either German or English, but when in German there is greater delay in censorship.

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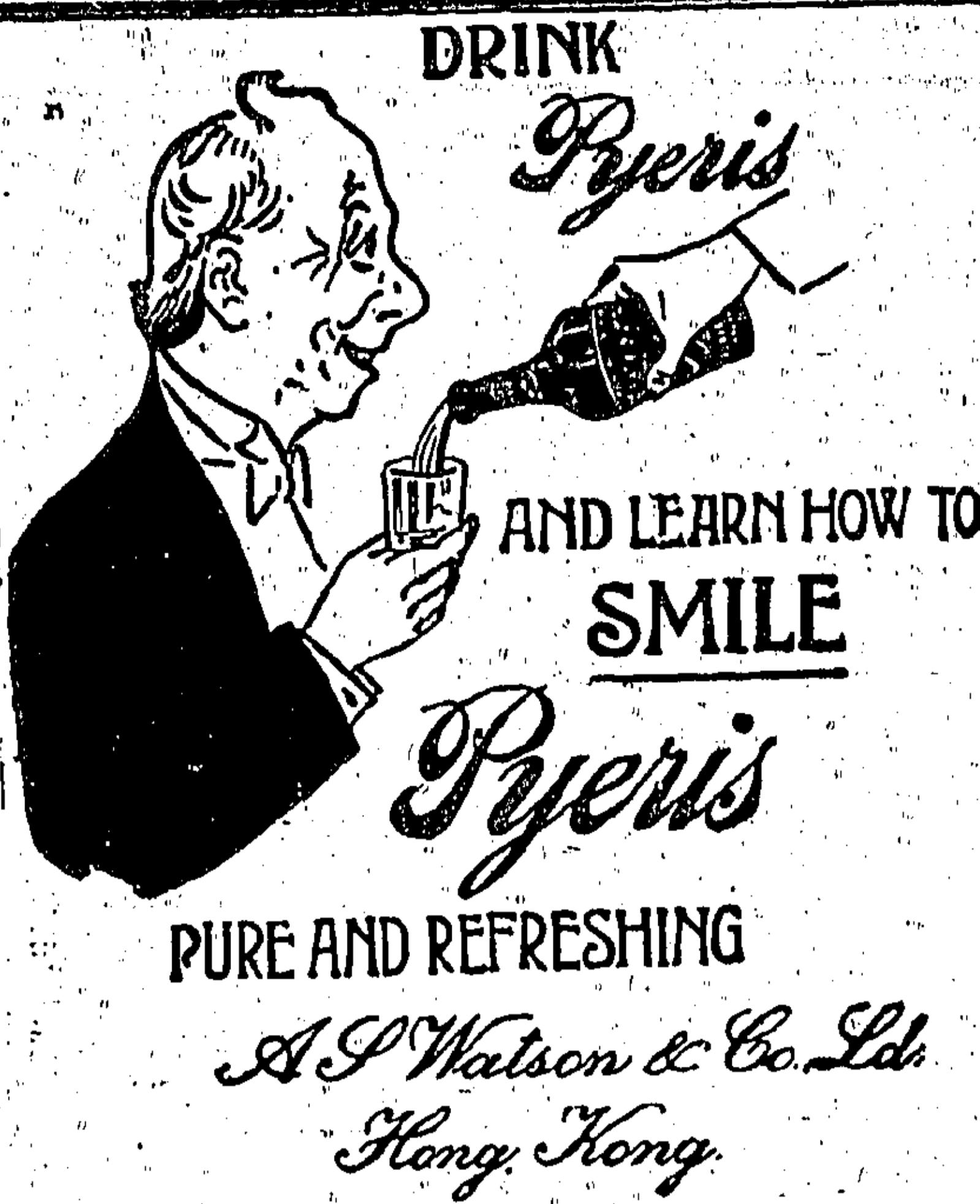
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By Order, "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1915.

## SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

In last Saturday's *Telegraph* it was stated that no less than sixty-seven colleges in the United States have officially recognised what, in America, is termed "spelling reform." Certain simplified forms, in official correspondence and publications, have been sanctioned; and these the students will, apparently, use in their written work in future. It may be said that this is no business of Britons and that the Americans are free to do as they like. That is so; nevertheless one is bound to regret the rise of anything which tends to debase the grand old English language—more than it has already been debased by the English themselves—and which renders correspondence between people of the two nations more difficult than need be. We read the Americans' books and newspapers and they read ours; but, if liberties continue to be taken with what was once our common language, a day must come when that interchange of reading can no longer continue, for the very simple reason that we and the Americans will no longer understand one another's.

At the same time, as we have suggested before, English people will do well to hesitate before condemning this spelling or that construction as "American," for it often happens that the inhabitants of the United States can produce as much defence for such construction or spelling as we for our own. The word "defence" which we have just used is a case in point. Americans may justly urge that, both in Latin and in French, an "s" and not a "c" is employed, and that Shakespeare uses their spelling of the word as often as not. Over "honour," "fervour," etc., they have a perfect right to claim that they take the word as imported direct from the Latin, and to condemn the "u" as a Gallicism that demands justification. Again, they may well say that if the English are going to write "programme" they should also write "telegrame."

Unfortunately, for one American who would defend his spelling on linguistic grounds, ninety-nine would be content to uphold it solely on the score of quickness; and so we get such interesting abnormalities as "thru." If we thought that the so-called reform would stop where it is, we would not grumble so very much; but we have an uncomfortable feeling that "thru" is but the thin end of the wedge, and that presently we may have to put up with phonetic spelling, if not with Artemus Ward's "hens 4th" and "2 harts that beat as 1." What we do not quite understand is that the schools & colleges of the United States should be willing to lend themselves to the alleged reform. If business men, in a body, announced that they were "out for" speed and convenience and not for literary traditions, we could sympathise. Commercial correspondence is not judged from literary standpoints. But these colleges which are supporting the movement are responsible for training and refining the youth of a great country. Is there any quicker road to vulgarising a country than by tempering with its words till they become etymologically unrecognisable? To our way of thinking, the reform is beginning at the wrong end. If the various college authorities are burning to improve the American language, their best way of going to work would surely be to teach them to avoid the hideous slang, contractions (why "maneuver," for instance?) and abbreviations that defile the pages of ninety-nine per cent of the newspapers of their country.

Music in the Servants' Quarters. We have received quite a number of complaints lately as to the unseemly noise issuing from the servants' quarters in European districts of the Colony. The offence appears to be particularly rife in Kowloon. Night after night, it is said, Chinese music emanates from these quarters, vexing and cheating the souls of the occupants of other European houses, who are bound to listen to it whether they will or no. Flutes, harps, zithers, psaltries and dulcimers—or their Celestial equivalents—together with the human voice, combine to make residence in the neighbourhood something of a Purgatory, we gather. The grievance is there right enough; but who is to be held responsible? The employers of these musically-inclined servants, who wish to play the game by their neighbours, will naturally give instructions that the nightly bands should cease. Probably such pranks take place during the absence, on business or pleasure, of the masters and mistresses, who can hardly be expected to stay at home at all hours to keep their servants within bounds. We should imagine that a civil chit to the employers of the offenders would go, at any rate, some little way towards abating the nuisance. William Watson and President Roosevelt.

We don't know if Mr. William Watson, will be considered to have added to his fame as a poet by a recent sonnet, published in the *New York Herald* and addressed to Mr. Roosevelt. Judged as a sonnet it is, a real enough poetry, but the sentiment may possibly find many adverse critics. It begins:—

"Hadst thou been sitting yet in Lincoln's chair,

"A different voice had pealed across the sea;"

and this couplet is sufficient to show to our readers the general trend of the whole. From time immemorial, poets have been wont to choose political matter for their rhymes, in doing which they have not always displayed their wisdom; for in politics it happens to be the practical, and not the romantic, view that counts. Mr. Watson's argument seems to be that, had the ex-President been in office since war broke out, America would have asserted herself with considerably more vigour in which she will be assisted by half a dozen Boy Scouts.

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—W. G. Humphreys & Co. \$30; (2nd sub.)

Appointments.

His Excellency the Governor, has been pleased to appoint Mr. Hugh Sanderson Playfair, a Justice of the Peace. Mr. Playfair is the Hongkong manager of the London, Liverpool, and Globe Insurance Co.

Alleged Snatcher before the Court.

Mr. Lindsell had before him, at the Police Court, a Chinese charged with snatching a bangle from a baby or a woman's back. The prisoner was caught by Mr. W. V. Penell at the top of Duddell Street as he ran off after the alarm was raised. The case was remanded.

Lecture at The University.

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As will be seen from our advertisement columns, ten shares numbered 3,050-3,059 on the Hongkong Ice Company have been lost. Application for the issue of duplicates has been made, and in the event of no claim or representation being made within the next thirty days the company will proceed to deal with such application.

Mr. Eldon Potter Indisposed.

Ammunition Trains Collide. Rime, March 27. The Petropavlovsk correspondent of the *Mercurio* states that two German military trains collided near Woslawek, west of Plock. Both trains were filled with ammunition, which exploded with terrific force the sound being heard twenty miles away.—Central News.

## DAY BY DAY.

"IT'S ONLY THE FELLOW ON THE OUTSIDE WHO CAN TELL A SNAIL HOW HIS SHELL LOOKS."

## The Weather.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 74; fine.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 67; fog.

## Count the Columns.

Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 41 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 57 published.

## The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Liangchow to-morrow at 3 p.m.

Up to the Minute—Share Market News.

Closing prices:—

China Sugars.—\$116, sales.

Douglas.—\$41, buyers.

Indos.—\$98, buyers.

Land Investments.—\$108, sellers.

Ewos.—\$142, buyers.

Hongkong Cottons.—\$71, sales and buyers.

Shanghai Cottons.—\$91, sales.

Green Islands.—\$8.60, buyers.

Electric.—\$43, sales.

## The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 10.13-18d.

## To-day's Anniversary.

To-day is the sixteenth anniversary of the restoration of order in the New Territory. Dr. and Mrs. Clark leave for Home.

Taking the Rough with the Smooth.

It is not the British way to shrink from facts or to seek to explain them away. The nation's staining in the sports field has taught it to take the rough with the smooth and to waste no time in crying over what can't be helped. France, in the same

way, is not given to worrying about a set-back. Those who have read the history of the French people know that, with them, it is sufficient to lose one inch of ground for them immediately to make up their minds to regain it and perhaps more. Even as we write this, another wire arrives to testify to this very point; the French have re-taken Hartmannswillerkopf. And this introduces us to the other side of the picture.

A Great Man.

Readers are reminded that Miss May Clarke appears at the Bijou Theatre to-night. A big hit should be made by her song "Your King and Country need you" in which she will be assisted by half a dozen Boy Scouts.

Alexander the Great.

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## NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

SIR JOHN FRENCH'S DESPATCH.

## The Germans' Desperate Efforts.

All the news coming through from the Franco-Belgian front shows that recent wires did not speak without knowledge when they foreshadowed a great battle.

Reading the various statements side by side, one has now little difficulty in realising that not only is the battle now proceeding

a big one, but that it is, in all

likelihood, the biggest in history.

Whether or not it is to have the

flavour of decisiveness, no one

who is not an expert and on

the spot, has any right to

discuss. The messages, whether

Sir John French's or others, do

not blink facts. The Fieldmar-

shal tells us afresh that St.

Julien has been captured by the

enemy and that our line con-

sequently lies a little farther south

than it did before. Just as

frankly the Paris evening com-

muque speaks of the enemy as

being in possession of the peak at

Hartmannswiller.

Dutch despatches again bear witness to the

persistency of the enemy's main

attack round about Ypres, while

according to a wounded Canadian,

two of the Dominion's platoons

raided an order and went

charging to their death. Further,

in another part of the field a

detachment of Canadians lost

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## CANTON NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent).  
Canton, April 26.  
New Barracks at Fu Moon.  
The Commander of the Fu Moon fortress has petitioned the Governor for permission to build new barracks, as those now in use are insufficient to properly house the troops stationed there. Recognising the reasonability of the request, the Governor has sent constructors to estimate the cost and make him a report at once.

## Gambling Officials.

The story is being repeated in the Chinese press, that a number of Cantonese people living in Peking, gave a big dinner to Mr. Leung Kai Chin on the occasion of his leaving for his holidays; and at this dinner they requested him to investigate secretly the rumours alleging that the Canton officials are indulging in gambling or are allowing it to be carried on in unlawful places upon the payment of bribe money. If he discovers any such flagrant violations of the laws, he is to commence impeachment proceedings forthwith.

If he does not find anything of the kind, it will be abundant proof that, whatever other high qualities he may possess his skill as detective is doubtful. But we suppose it will turn out to be only another opportunity to officially proclaim all the recalcitrant officials to be lily-whites.

## Domestic Munitions.

The Superintendent of the Canton arsenal advocates the utilisation of home products for the manufacture of gunpowder, bullets, etc. In a report to the Military Board, he says the raw material for such manufactures can all be obtained in or near Canton, but the production of this material should be encouraged. He suggests a good use for the money on hand in the Arsenal would be to utilise it for this purpose. He figures that an initial outlay of \$60,000 would be enough to furnish all the material needed and if a saving of but two cash might be effected on the manufacture of each bullet, this would amount to an annual saving of something like \$3,000,000.

## Killed by Lightning.

Information has just reached Canton that during the heavy storm of the 17th inst. five men living near White Cloud mountain all in the same house, were killed by a bolt of lightning that shattered the house.

## LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:

April 1	... Tons 254
2	... 239
3	... 242
4	... 233
5	... 273
6	... 258
7	... 238
8	... 244
9	... 260
10	... 273
11	... 270
12	... 238
13	... 269
14	... 311
15	... 268
16	... 295
17	... 280
18	... 247
19	... 206
20	... 282
21	... 290
22	... 302
23	... 256
24	... 264
25	... 255
26	... 275
27	... 277
Total to 25th inst. 7,196	
Daily average 206.51	

## TENNIS.

Results of Last Night's Play.  
The following are the results of last evening's play in the Hongkong C. C. Tennis League:

Championship Singles:—Ng Tze Kwing beat M. P. Lo by 7-5, 6-4, 7-5.

Handicap Doubles:—Cary and Faohnie, 6-3, beat Franks and Thonn, rec. 2/6, 6-4, 6-8.

Professional Pairs Nisbet and Phillips beat Green and O. Le Breton 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

## CHINA AND JAPAN.

## JAPAN'S MINIMUM REVISED DEMANDS.

Subject to Japan Arriving at an Understanding with Britain.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, April 27, 2.45 p.m.  
The Japanese have presented the minimum revised demands, which are substantially the same as the originals, except in the case of Han-Yeh-Ping. China is required to agree to the railway demands, subject to Japan arriving at an understanding with Great Britain.

## BOY SCOUTS IN HONGKONG.

## Special Appeal for Building Fund.

The following appeal has been received from the local association of Boy Scouts:—

The Local Association of Boy scouts having decided to raise by public subscription a small amount to enable a Scouts' hall to be built on a site given by the Military Authorities, desire to give a brief explanation to those interested, of what is meant by scouting and the benefit that the boys derive from the training. By the term scouting is meant the world and attributes of backwoodsman, explorers and frontiersmen. In giving the elements of these to boys, we supply a system of games and practices, which meet their desires and interests, and is at the same time educational. From the boys' point of view, scouting puts them into fraternity gangs, which is their natural organisation whether it be for games, mischief, or loafing; it gives them a smart dress and equipment; it appeals to their imagination and romance, and it engages them in an active, and open air life. From the parents' point of view, it gives physical health and development; it teaches energy, resourcefulness and handicrafts; it puts into the lad discipline, pluck, chivalry and patriotism; in a word it develops character, which is more essential than anything else to a lad for making his way in life and which is yet practically untaught in the schools. The method of instruction in Scouting is that of creating in the boy the desire to learn for himself and not by drilling knowledge into him.

From the national point of view, our aim is solely to make the rising generation into good citizens. We do not interfere with the boys' religion of whatever form it may be, though we encourage him to practise that which be professes. Our training divides itself under three heads:—(1) Individual character training in resourcefulness, observation and self-reliance to gain the Scout's badge, (2) Handicrafts or hobbies which may help the boy to make his way in life for which we give proficiency badges, (3). Service for the state, such as fire brigade, ambulance, missioner, sailor, life-saving & volunteering. Scouting appeals to boys of every class and can be carried out in all countries.

The following is what we teach and how we get the boys to acquire character. In the first place we make the scout promise on his honour to do his best to carry out the Scout Law, which is:

A Scout's honour is to be trusted; A Scout is loyal; A Scout's duty is to be useful to help others; A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout, no matter in what social class the other belongs; A Scout is courteous; A Scout is a friend to animals; A Scout obeys orders; A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties; A Scout is thrifty; A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

The whole object of Sir Robert Baden Powell in inaugurating this great scheme of Boy Scouts is to seize the boys character in its early stage of enthusiasm and to endeavour to mould it into the

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## COMPANY REPORTS.

## Shanghai Gas Company Limited.

Report for 1914 (being the 51st since the Origin of the Company).

The Directors present the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 1914.

The profit on Working Account amounted to Tls. 266,068.01, as compared with Tls. 299,872.50 for 1913, a decrease of Tls. 33,804.49.

The net profit for the year amounted to Tls. 210,608.19, against Tls. 254,721.90 for the previous year, a decrease of Tls. 44,053.80. Of this difference, Tls. 8,874.46 is attributable to the low dollar exchange which again prevailed.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, after crediting the account with Tls. 19,809.66 carried forward after appropriation of the profits of 1913, and debiting it with Tls. 48,000.00 amount of Interim Dividend at the rate of 4 per cent paid on 10th August last, amounts to Tls. 182,447.85, of which sum the Directors recommend appropriation as follows:—

To pay a final dividend Tls.

end for the year 1914 on 24,000

shares at 3 percent, (making 7 percent, for the year) Tls.

1.50 per share ... 36,000.00

To write off for depreciation of Land and Buildings ... 4,076.35

" write off for depreciation Manufacturing and Distributing Plant ... 121,708.43

" write off for depreciation Furniture ... 803.33

126,878.11

carry forward to new account ... 19,739.74

Tls. 182,477.85

Machinery has been maintained in first class condition.

Consumption.—During the year 457,249,000 cubic feet of gas were sold to private consumers, being a decrease of 10.8 per cent. The output of gas for cooking, heating and industrial purposes progresses satisfactorily.

Coal, &c.—The total amount of

Coal carbonised amounted to

Tons 32,893.142, whilst 364,233

gallons of Liquid Fuel were also used in the manufacture of gas.

The prices paid for both coal and oil were considerably higher than those paid last year.

Residues.—A largely increased

demand for Tar is to be recorded.

Owing to the strength of the

market higher prices were realis-

ed for coke throughout the year.

The price of Sulphate of Ammonia remained low.

Directorate.—In accordance

with the Articles of Association

Mr. C. W. Wrightson retires but,

being eligible, offers himself for

re-election.

Audit.—Mr. H. W. G. Hayter

and Mr. J. E. Bingham offer

themselves for re-election as

Auditors.

Summary of Engineer's Reports

to the Directors during 1914.

Manufacture.—

The only additions to plant in

the Works were a Simplex

Vapouriser, a Compressor and

addition Tar Distilling Plant

consisting of two stills and a

tank; the latter being necessitated

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Gas sold during the

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F. W. POTTER,

Engineer-in-Chief.

Shanghai, 8th April, 1915.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

HONGKONG GENERAL

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NOTICE.

A MEETING of FOREIGN

IMPORTERS of Piece-goods will

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THURSDAY, 29th APRIL.

8.00 a.m. Honam. | 8.00 a.m. Heungshan.  
10.00 p.m. Fatshan. | 5.00 p.m. Kinshan.

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SUNDAY, 2nd MAY.

The Company's Steamship TAISHAN will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHART at 9 a.m. and return from Macao at 3 p.m.

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Subject to Alteration

Destination.	Steamers.	Sailing Date
MARSEILLE AND LONDON, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said	Miyasaki Maru Capt. Teranaka	THURS., 13th May, at noon.

VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via Keelung, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, and Yokohama	Sado Maru Capt. Asakawa Awa Maru Capt. Hori	TUES., 4th May at 4 p.m. TUES., 18th May at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thuras Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Hitachi Maru Capt. Tomonaga Tango Maru Capt. K. Soyeda	MON., 17th May at 11 a.m. TUES., 15th June at 4 p.m.

CALCUTTA via Spore, Penang & Rangoon	Ceylon Maru Capt. Shinohre	SATUR., 1st May.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Malacca, Colombo and Yokohama	Jinsen Maru Capt. Torada	MONDAY, 10th May.
SHANGHAI, Kobe & Yoko	Tosa Maru Capt. Takano	TUESDAY, 11th May.
SHANGHAI & Kobe	Kanagawa Maru Capt. Higo	FRIDAY, 30th April.
NAGASAKI, Kobe	Tango Maru Capt. Soyeda	SATUR., 15th May.
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama	Hirano Maru Capt. Fraser	TUES., 11th May.
		TUE., 16th May.

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PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1915.

FOR EUROPE.

Steamers.	Displacement.	Leave Hongkong.
Miyasaki Maru	16,000 tons	Thursday 13th May
Kitano	16,000 "	20th May
Fushimi	25,000 "	3rd June
Hirano	16,080 "	17th June
Katori	20,000 "	1st July
Kamo	16,000 "	15th July

FOR AMERICA.

Steamers.	Displacement.	Leave Hongkong.
Sado Maru	12,500 tons	Tuesday 4th May
Awa Maru	12,500 "	18th May
Shidzuoka	12,500 "	Thursday 27th May
Aki	12,500 "	Tuesday 15th June
Tamba	12,500 "	29th June
Yokohama	12,500 "	Thursday 8th July

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Telephone No. 292.

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail
HAIPHONG	Sungkhang	29th Apr. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Liangchow	29th Apr. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Kanchow	2nd May at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Tean	4th May at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Chinhua	11th May at 4 p.m.

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Tjibodas	JAVA	in port	S'HAII	30th April
Tjimanock	JAVA	in port	S'HAII & JAPAN	2nd May
Tjikembang	JAPAN	13th May	JAPAN	15th May
Tjiklin	JAVA	2nd half May	JAPAN	25th May
Tjilatjap	JAVA	2nd half May	JAPAN	25th May

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Notice to Mariners.

SHIPPING

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(Projected Sailings from Hongkong.—(Subject to Alteration):

For	Steamship	On
HAIPHONG	Loksang	Thur. 29th Apr. at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri. 30th Apr. at noon.
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Sat. 1st May at 10 a.m.
MANILA	Yuensang*	Sat. 1st May at 3 p.m.
KOBE & Moji	Yatshing	Wed. 5th May at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Choyang	Fri. 7th May at 11 a.m.
MANILA	Loongsang*	Sat. 8th May at 3 p.m.

Return Tours to Japan.

The steamers "Kutsang," "Nam sang" and "Fooksang," leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Japan, returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. Time occupied 20 days. This service is supplemented by the "Yatshing" and "Kumsang" leaving Hongkong at regular intervals for Yokohama, Kobe and Moji and returning thence direct to Hongkong. Time occupied 16 days.

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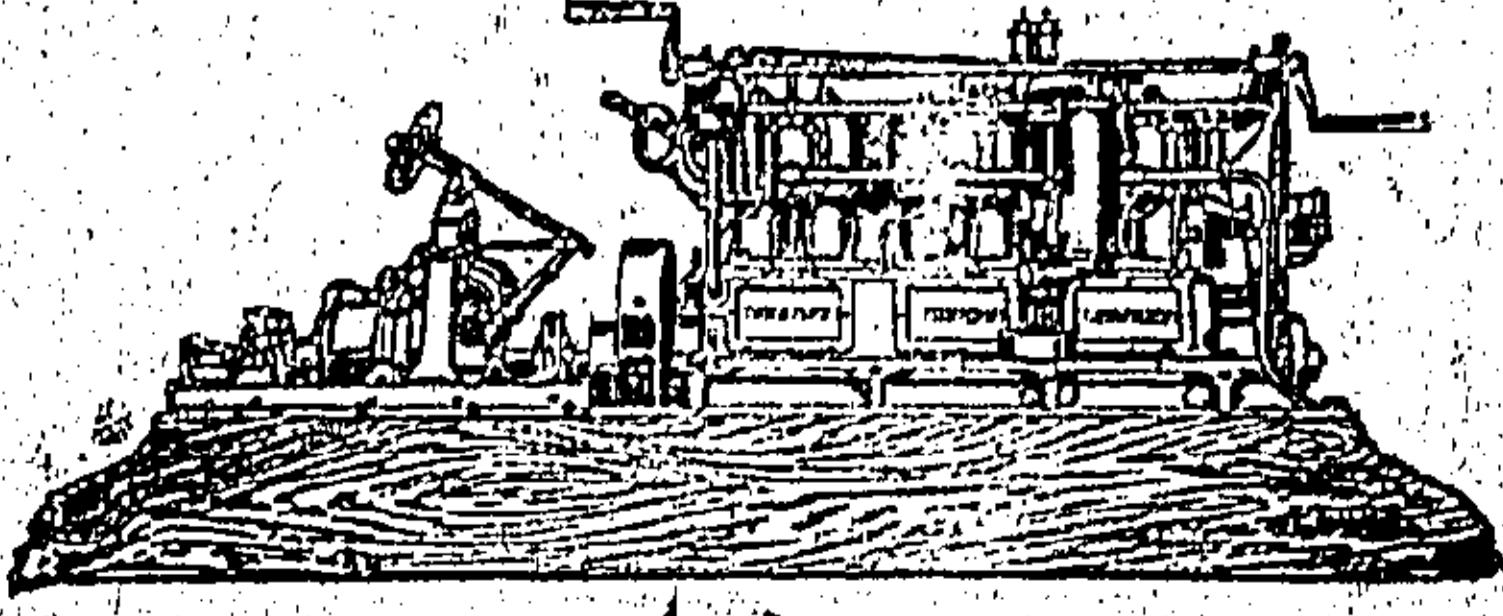
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Marseilles & London	Kalomo	B. L. L.	10, May
L'don, S'pore, via P'ang, G'ba, &c.	Nelloro	P. & O.	12, May
M'les, L'don via S'pore etc.	Miyazaki M.	N. Y. K.	13, May
London	Mon'shire	J. M. Co.	15, June

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New York via Panama Canal	B. Castle	D. & Co.	28, Apr.
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan etc.	Monteagle	C. P. R.	1, May
Via, E.C., & S'tle via K'lung &c.	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	4, May
Boston and New York	Indraco	S. T. & Co.	4, May
San F'co via S'hai & Japan &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	5, May
Boston & New York via Suez	Inveric	B. L. L.	8, May
Port via Japan	Soiyo M.	T. K. K.	11, May
San F'co via S'hai & Japan etc.	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	11, May
Via, B.C. T'ma via S'hai & Japan	Seattl M.	O. S. K.	14, May
San F'co via Manila & Japan &c. Persia	Hokuto M.	P. M. Co.	18, May

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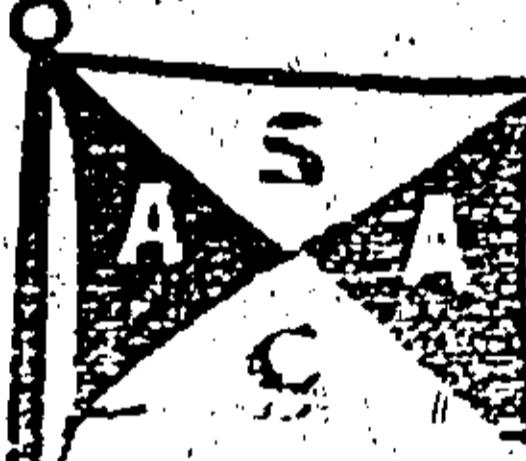
Australian Ports	Taiyuan	B. & S.	5, May
Australian Ports	Eastern	G. L. Co.	15, May
Australian Ports via Manila	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	17, May
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	25, June

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Shanghai	Esang	J. M. Co.	30, Apr.
Kobo & Yokohama	Amazone	M. M.	3, May
Shanghai	Nubia	P. & O.	7, May
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	8, May
Shai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Nagoya	P. & O.	10, May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hirano M.	N. Y. K.	11, May
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	11, May
Moji & Kobe	Riojun M.	N. Y. K.	13, May
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Sangola	D. & Co.	14, May
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Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	25, May
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, etc.	Hokuto M.	D. & Co.	9, June
Singapore, Mauritius & South African Ports	Salamis	B. L. L.	15, June
Shanghai	T'ipanas	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	T'itareem	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Japan	T'itikembang	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	T'ilitatjap	J.C.J. L.	Q. desp.
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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1915.

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THE Steamship

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4,789 tons, Captain A. Wallace, will be despatched as above on Saturday, 8th May.

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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1915.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. ss. MONGOLIA will be despatched from this port on Wednesday, May 4, at 1 p.m. and not as per schedule, May 4, for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Shizuoka, Yokohama and Honolulu.

The T.K.K. ss. SHINYO MARU will next leave Hongkong for San Francisco via usual ports, on Tuesday 11th May, at noon.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. ss. ALDENHAM left Sydney for this port (via Queensland Ports and Manila) on the 9th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about 28th instant.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The I.C.S. N. ss. VATSHING from Singapore is due at Hongkong on the 1st May.

The I.C.S. N. ss. NAMSANG from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 4th May.

The I.C.S. N. ss. TAKSANG from Shanghai is due at Hongkong on the 28th April.

The S.L. ss. MONMOUTHSHIRE from London is due at Hongkong on the 19th May.

The S.L. ss. MERIONETHSHIRE from London is due at Hongkong on the 30th May.

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# THE HONG KONG TELEGRAPH.

## EXTRA

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1915.

### AFTER TWENTY SEVEN YEARS.

Mr. Edward Jones Retires on Pension.

There are very few mariners whose ships have come to Hongkong who have not at one time or other come in contact with Mr. Edward Jones, Assistant Harbour Master of this Colony, who has been employed in controlling the shipping of this Port for the past twenty-seven years. With his superiors he was held in the highest esteem, and he commanded the respect of both his European and Chinese subordinates.

He now retires on pension and leaves for home, on Saturday next. His family, with the exception of Mrs. Jones who is here, are at home already, and it is to their call, as he said this morning, that he is responding, when he leaves the scene of his twenty-seven years of activity for the rest and seclusion which he has so well earned. The members of the Harbour Office staff will lose a friend.

In private life he was an ardent and devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, and he was closely connected with the Church of the Holy Rosary, Kowloon.

The members of the staff at the Harbour Office would not permit of his departure without presenting him with some tangible recognition of their esteem, and in the office of Commander Beckwith, at noon to-day, the European and Chinese employees, including Dr. Keyt attended, Commander Beckwith, presenting Mr. Jones with a beautifully illuminated address bearing a picture of the Harbour Office, a magnificent travelling clock (silver), and inscribed, and a pair of powerful binoculars.

In making the presentation, Commander Beckwith said he was asked to voice the sentiments of that Department, and to convey to Mr. Jones the deep regret they felt at his departure after twenty-seven years of hard work in that office. They would miss him greatly and personally he would feel that he was the loss of an old and valued friend. Mr. Jones was the first person to greet him when he arrived in this Colony, to take charge, in October 1906, and he took that opportunity to say how much he appreciated the help of Mr. Jones, in those days, when he (Commander Beckwith) was "make learn" (laughter), in the large port. He asked Mr. Jones on behalf of that Department, to accept the illuminated address, which he thought expressed, clearly, their thanks, small though the address might be, and their respect and good-will. They all wished Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones, good luck and God speed, and they hoped he would live long to draw the pension he had so well earned (Applause). Here are binoculars with which I hope you will be able to see the submarines (laughter) and a clock, visible, by day or night (applause).

Mr. Jones in reply said he did not know, how to sufficiently thank them for their good wishes on that occasion and also their valuable presents also for the unique and beautifully worded illuminated address. It was gratifying to know that endeavours had been appreciated by his superiors and the staff, and he took that opportunity to personally thank them for their co-operation good-will and ever readiness to help him during the heavy weather and the smooth water times in that Department (Hear, hear). Now on the eve of his departure he had some regrets and he left them with mixed feelings. On the one hand associations of twenty-seven years held him and on the other the call of

his children took him away from them. In conclusion he asked them to allow him to thank them again for the thought that prompted them to think so kindly of him. He felt deeply grateful for the sentiment and he would often look back to the very many happy days he had spent in that Department among them and especially to that ceremony which had afforded him much happiness and pleasure. He also thanked them for the good wishes conveyed to his wife (Applause). Three cheers were then called for Mr. Jones, and heartily given.

### THE BRIBERY CASE.

Handwriting Evidence on the I. O. U.

This afternoon, in the Police Court, before Mr. J. W. Wood, the case was continued in which Wong Kan-ying was charged on two counts:—that he did incite Sergt. Hawkins to conspire and collude with the said Wong Kan-ying to defraud the Government of a certain quantity of coal to be supplied to the Government; to deviate from his duties as chief clerk and misconduct himself in such a manner as to enable the defendant to defraud the Government of a certain quantity of coal, by offering him a sum of \$100 per month; and by thrusting in the pocket of the said Sergt. Hawkins \$100 in notes.

Detail—On duty until 7 a.m. 1st May H.K.V.R. Next for duty Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sections Scouts Company.

### LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS. The T.K.K. ss. SHINYO MARU which sailed San Francisco on the 3rd inst. is expected to arrive at this port via Honolulu, Japan Ports & Shanghai on Friday, the 20th inst. at 3 p.m.

The T.K.K. ss. CHIYO MARU on the 18th March was delivered in New York on the 24th inst.

New Justices of the Peace. The following justices of the Peace were sworn in at the Magistracy this afternoon, by Mr. G. A. Woodcock:—Messrs. E. V. D. Parr, L. N. Leese, H. Percy Smith, Lo Cheung Shun, U. Hoi Chau A. Dyer, Ball, W. Schofield, R. A. C. North and Mr. H. S. Playfair.

The Foreign Women's Home. The fifth annual report of the Foreign Women's Home shows that in spite of the war the finances of what is unquestionably one of the most useful and praiseworthy institutions in Shanghai have not suffered, a fact which says a great deal, at a time of subscriptions to so many war funds, for the charitable heart of Shanghai. The Foreign Women's Home is supported by voluntary contributions: it does excellent work and is glad to think that it is facing the coming year with confidence and hope.

was of opinion that the signature on the I. O. U. was a forgery. He examined seven exhibits in all, when he placed the alleged forgery above a true signature they coincided to a remarkable extent, and there were only two principal differences between them. He suggested that the alleged forgery was traced from the other. The model used for the tracing was written in pencil, and was not clearly seen through the paper on which the tracing was made. That in his opinion accounted for the two differences as a tracing, one of the other, though there were also other differences owing to the slower motion of the hand in making the tracing. Witness then proceeded to detail the differences in support of his opinion.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

### VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to day by Lieut-Col. A. Chapman V. D., state:—

Joined:—The undermentioned having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—No. 1812 Private J. Easton to Stretcher Bearer Section. No. 1813 Private J. McDonald to Scouts Company.

Leave:—The undermentioned are granted leave of absence as follows:—Private F. McD. Courtney from 1. 15 to 1. 16. Bombr. J. L. McPherson from 5. 15 to 5. 16.

Weekly Reports:—The weekly state is required at the Orderly Room not later than 5 p.m. to-morrow, 29th instant.

Parades: Parades for Thursday, 29th instant, 5.00 p.m. Civil Services Co.—Table "C" M.G. Course on Kennedy Rd. Range, 5.10 p.m. Centre Section M.G. Co.—Table "O" M.G. Course at Kowloon Dock (for Dock members only), 5.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery Battery and Left Section M.G. Co. 10 pdr. drill at Headquarters, Scouts Company—Company Drill and Skirmishing at Happy Valley. Fall in on road between Law Courts and City Hall at 5.15 p.m. and proceed by special tram. Remainder nil.

Detail—On duty until 7 a.m. 1st May H.K.V.R. Next for duty Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sections Scouts Company.

### OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

War Socialism.

London, Friday, March 19th.

People are only just waking up to the full scope of the measures the Government is taking for organising the industries of War in this country. It is a bold coup, but a necessary one. Not only is the State empowered to take over all factories and workshops, whatever

their present uses, needed for the supply of munitions, arms and equipment, but to impress the services of labour. Due regard will of course be paid to the private interests of employers and workpeople, but nothing will be allowed to impede the requirements of the Nation. It is something of a paradox to find, as the result of a war which Socialists alone oppose, an interregnum of wholesale socialism set up. These sweeping but temporary measures are the outcome of Mr. Lloyd George's conference in Paris with the French Ministers of France and Russia, and of Lord Kitchener's amazing genius for organisation and provision. There is every prospect that the immense scheme will be put on a thoroughly business footing and will work well. A Board of Control has been appointed under State supervision, consisting of a few chosen representatives of Capital and Labour. Our present output of War material is three hundred times in excess of the normal, but it is still insufficient to meet the prospective demands of the Allies. France and Russia have mobilised all their manhood. This country alone, thanks to her inviolate shores and her steel watchdogs on the sea, is unsullied by the hideous hoof of the Hun. This country alone retains untouched her great reserves of industrial manhood, whose energies are now to be concentrated on the War by a State system of registration for women who are able and willing to take the places of men in purely civilian employment, thus releasing the latter for the forging of the supplies of war. Consequently, it is to the United Kingdom that the Allies look for their munitions to a large extent. The British Empire's task is to hold the seas, to put if need be two million men in the field, and in a great measure to finance and equip the War. It is no more than we should do, but it is a gigantic task.

Lord Kitchener's Appeal.

Lord Kitchener's appeal to the workpeople has not fallen on deaf ears. The magic of his name and the force of his personality are astounding. His lordship caused it to be announced that he would speak in the House of Lords at 4.30 one afternoon of this week. The place was crowded with Peers, Peersesses, Commons, and strangers, two-thirds of the latter wearing khaki. Five minutes before the appointed hour the stalwart soldierly figure of His Majesty's Secretary of State for War strode up the floor of the House of Lords and took a seat next Lord Crewe on the Ministerial bench. Lord Kitchener was in uniform, correct to the last detail, but the uniform of the military tailor. The coat of his tightfitting short frock coat suggested a military tunic. The garment seemed to want a few rows of stars and orders on the breast. The trousers that encase Lord Kitchener's long legs were equally in need of a scarlet stripe down the seams. Lord Kitchener is as manifestly the Admiral in short clothes. His lordship drew from an outside pocket an old fashioned grannys spectacles case. He jerked a prosaic pair of spectacles into position, drew some manuscript from his inside breast pocket, and, with a curt nod of recognition to Lord

Crowe as his Parliamentary commander-in-chief, within the precincts of the House of Lords, proceeded to study his notes with an occasional glance up at the clock. On the stroke of 4.30 a noble lord, some under-secretary, who was fussing about at the table with documents, felt himself suddenly seized from behind by a firm hand and gently shunted. It was Lord Kitchener clearing the way. Springing to his feet, and placing his notes on the table before him, the War Minister stood to attention, and, in a steady, clear voice and eminently businesslike style, read out what he had to say. Lord Kitchener grapples with Armageddon calmly and confidently as a City magnate tackling a Board meeting. But there was just a glint of enthusiasm when he referred to the latest British successes at Le Bassac, and the conduct of the Canadian and Indian troops, to the French advance in Champagne, and to German deadlock before Warsaw. He could tell their lordships nothing as yet about the Dardanelles, but "your Lordships may rest assured that the undertaking is well in hand." There is, after all, something in being a nation of shepherds! In fifteen minutes Lord Kitchener compressed all he had to say. But his speech still rings through England and the North. He praised the patriotism and devotion of all classes, but plainly told the country that the shortage of War supplies was giving and would give him grave anxiety. He let his countrymen realise that they are in a great and terrible emergency, but with that realisation his countrymen could not help feeling that the emergency was not more than equal to the man who confronts it at the War Office. No living man has a greater burden of the War on his shoulders than Lord Kitchener. Yet those shoulders are set square and erect. He shows less trace of wear and tear than any other member of the Cabinet, including Mr. Winston Churchill, who is little more than half his age. A slight shading of grey at the temples is the only mark of Anno Domini Lord Kitchener wears. His face shows no office pallor, but displays "the shadowed livery of the burnished sun." Strength, obstinacy, tenacity, and absolute sang froid shine forth from the man like beacons in the night.

The Spring Campaign.

A distinguished officer of the British Army who is attached to the staff of General Joffre has given some interesting personal observations on the fighting in Champagne. This acute and experienced observer is full of enthusiasm for the resolute gallantry and fine efficiency with which the French troops have kept hammering away at a formidable German position and finally carried the desired positions of strategic importance. He discriminates clearly between the last three weeks' fighting in Champagne and the earlier efforts of the campaign. Indeed he dates the opening of the Spring campaign of 1915 from February 15th, when these operations began. All the earlier winter efforts he describes as local affairs purely intended to keep the enemy occupied and prevent him concentrating forces at any given point. The present operations are more sustained and have a more definite object in view. The same may be said with equal truth of the advance by the British at Le Bassac. Both these points will play an important part in the big fighting that is coming. These successes have not been gained without loss. The German officially admit that their casualties in Champagne have exceeded their losses in the fierce fighting with the Russians in North Poland. At Le Bassac, in the fighting at Nenya Chapelle, the Germans lost, according to Sir John French's estimate, eighteen thousand men.

### BROKEN PROMISE

Witness who would not Attend Court.

The Right Material.

The following leading article is from the *Globe* of March 26:—Plainly it is no true economy to use up officer material for service in the ranks. Many things go to the making of what we know and respect as the British officer besides pluck and a knowledge of drill; and an hereditary capacity for leadership, or at least the education from which it originally sprang, is one of the chief. There is no snobishness in this view: it is a simple fact, and if we are to get the best out of our common resources in this great struggle for national existence we must recognise it. Not for a moment do we deny that real genius for leadership very often shows itself in the classes which the rank-and-file are ordinarily drawn, and we are as insistent as anyone can be that, when it does, it should be recognised. But, speaking quite broadly, this capacity is mainly found in those classes which have a Public School or University education, and we only weaken our resources if we shut our eyes to the fact. The University and Public School Corps is emphatically "officer material," and one very serious problem before us is how to utilise the services of its members to the best advantage. Just as present there is a marked disinclination on the part of the authorities to allow them to take commissions, and this for a very intelligible but very trivial reason. As vacancies are created in the various battalions of the Corps they are filled up from the outside, with the inevitable result that the particular battalion finds itself always handicapped by the presence in its ranks of a number of raw recruits. That is a very real grievance, and we can easily understand how heartbreaking such a state of things must be to the officers of the battalion.

Mr. Shenton said judgment had been given against the second defendant, and he was now applying for judgment against the first, and he might inform his Lordship that, with the consent of his friend, the figures were not in dispute—it was purely a question of whether the first defendant was or was not a partner. A witness of his had not yet appeared, but he thought he would do so later. His Lordship: You do not suggest he is hostile? Mr. Shenton: No; he was in my office yesterday and he said he would come. This was simply a case of partnership, and he submitted the first defendant was a partner in the firm. He was known under the name he submitted. The first defendant negotiated for the premises and he issued scrip certificates to the partner he was calling.

Referring to the absent witness, later in the morning, Mr. Shenton said he had just been informed that the witness who he was calling had been found, but he refused to give evidence. A subpoena was immediately issued. The case was adjourned until next Friday's list; a date then to be fixed for further hearing.

sand men. Our own losses in the same engagement were probably about ten thousand. This is a big price to pay for success. But the Germans have paid a still bigger price for defeat. The moral effect need hardly be emphasised. Nothing has been more thrilling than our British Eye Witness's description of the cheerful groups of wounded, many of them wearing captured German helmets, to be seen on the roads after the battle. The position to-day is that the Allies, having consolidated their positions in the east and in the west, are waiting in the Spring to renew offensive operations with redoubled efforts and with immensely greater forces. The Germans await those efforts with a double failure round their necks. The first attempt, to knock out France and capture Paris, failed disastrously. The second attempt, to knock out Russia and take Warsaw, has failed just as signalily. There two failures have cost the enemy somewhere between two and a half and three million casualties. The German prisoners taken in the west can still point to the mud upon their clothes and say "This is not German soil." Except in East Prussia and in Alsace and Lorraine, the Germans have held the War at arm's length from their own hearth and homes. We shall see whether they can still boast of this three months hence, and what is the effect on the German temperament when the shadow and the lurid glare of War falls on the cities and homes of the Fatherland. For the Germans will find before long, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the vultures of War come home to roost.

### THE HOWITT-PHILLIPS CO.

The Howitt-Phillips company re-open to-night at the Theatre Royal for a short season of three nights, prior to their departure for Shanghai. By special request "Mrs. D." will be repeated, and to-morrow night "Charlie's Aunt" will be staged. On Friday night, under the distinguished patronage of Major General Kelly, O. B., "David Garrick" will be produced, followed by J. M. Barrie's one act play "Dear Teg." Booking is now open at Moutiers & Co., and intending patrons should book without delay in order to secure good seats.

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1915.

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Building at Noon, on Friday, the  
30th April, 1915, to receive a  
Statement of Accounts to the 31st  
December, 1914 and the Report of  
the General Manager and Con-  
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Consulting Committee and  
Auditor.

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Hongkong, March 12, 1915

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GERMANY'S SUBMARINES.

Questions of Armament and Cruising Radius.

Percival A. Hielam writes in the Naval and Military Record:— It is known that all German submarines fr. m U12 onwards carry at least one gun—a 14-pounder—and it is stated that they also have one or two special 1-pounder high-angle guns for use against aircraft. The boat numbered U21—which sank the light cruiser Pathfinder in the North Sea on September 5, and some at least of the merchant ships that have been destroyed in the Irish Sea—were the first of a new type of which a fairly complete description appeared in the German Press early in 1913. This description, which is worth quoting in full, ran as follows:—“We have followed the English lead, and are arming our newest 800-ton submarines with 14-pounder quick-firing guns on disappearing mountings. The gun, of which two will be carried by each boat one astern and one before the conning-tower—rests on a cynical pivot, and the total weight of weapon and mount is about 13 cwt. The time occupied in making the gun ready for action is 20 seconds, reckoning from the moment the boat comes to the surface to the firing of the first round. Each weapon is served by three men. No 1 hands up the ammunition from the watertight collision-proof magazine, No. 2 loads, and No. 3 aims and fires. The gun can be elevated to 90 degrees, and its characteristics are similar to those of Krupp's anti-aircraft quick-firing artillery. When the boat is about to submerge the gun collapses on its supports and swings down to its resting-place, the operation being performed by a single lever. A watertight hatch then closes over cavity. The weapon is brought up to firing position by spring rams, which also come into play by a single movement. The new submarines are to have a similar protection over their vital parts, namely, the deck, the conning-tower, and that portion of the vessel which is exposed when the hull is awash. Coincident with the increased displacement the motor installation has been made much more powerful. Each boat will have two Diesel motors, with a designed aggregate horsepower of 1,800, giving a speed on the surface of 17 knots. The submerged speed will be 12 knots. It is understood that U21, which was launched last February (1913) at the Danzig yard in an almost complete state, is the first representative of this improved type.”

It will be observed that nothing is said here as to the cruising radius either of U21 or of other German submarines. It has been stated that U21 took in fuel off the coast of North Wales from a vessel flying a neutral flag, but there is no very obvious reason why this should have been done. “Fighting Ships” credits the British as claims with a cruising radius of 4,000 miles, and as U21 is nearly 200 tons larger than these boats, it is unlikely that she is less well served in this respect. Liverpool is less than 1,000 miles from Wilhelmshaven, so that, given favourable circumstances, a modern submarine such as U21 could make the return journey and still have half of her fuel left at the end of it.

Down to the beginning of the war only two yards in Germany had built submarines—Krupp's Germania Yard at Kiel and the Imperial Yard at Danzig. There is reason to believe, however, that there has been a considerable increase in this direction since the beginning of August. The Copenhagen correspondent of *The Times* reported on October 1 that fifty submarines were then under construction, and that more would be put in hand as soon as ships became available; while shortly before Christmas the Berlin correspondent of the *United Press* of America stated just after his famous interview with Admiral von Tirpitz, in which the latter threatened a submarine blockade of British ports, that Germany was building forty submarines of “the new 900-ton type.”

THE WAR.

COUNTRIES ENGAGED.	
Germany	Britain.
	Russia.
Austria	France.
	Belgium.
Turkey	Japan.
	Serbia.
	Montenegro.

ARMY TERMS EXPLAINED. Army corps is a complete army on a small scale in itself. The strength varies from 35,000 to 45,000 men. Division is a force of infantry, cavalry, and artillery, usually with a strength of from 15,000 to 20,000 men. Brigade is a force of infantry or cavalry. The infantry brigade is from 4,000 to 7,000 strong. The cavalry brigade is from 1,000 to 2,000 strong. Regiment of infantry is from 2,000 to 4,000 strong. A cavalry regiment is from 500 to 1,000 men strong. Squadron of cavalry is from 150 to 200 men strong. Batteries of artillery in the British and French armies have 6 guns and about 200 men. In the German Army consists of 4 guns and 150 men. In the Russian Army it consists of 8 guns and 250 men.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS. June 28—Archduke Francis Ferdinand assassinated. July 23—Austria sends an ultimatum to Servia. July 31—Russia orders general mobilisation. Aug. 1—Germany declares war on Russia. France Cabinet orders general mobilisation. Aug. 2—German forces enter Luxembourg. Germany demands free passage through Belgium. Aug. 4—England sends ultimatum, demanding observance of Belgian neutrality. Germany rejects ultimatum. German troops attack Liege. Aug. 5—England announces a state of war with Germany. Aug. 6—Germans enter Liege. France invades southern Alsace. Aug. 8—Italy reclaims neutrality. Aug. 15—Austria enters Servia. Japan sends ultimatum to Germany. Aug. 16—Germans enter Lorraine. France invades southern Alsace. Aug. 18—Italy reclaims neutrality. Aug. 21—British expeditionary force completes its landing in France. Aug. 19—Beginning of battle of Lorraine. Aug. 20—Germans enter Brussels. Aug. 23—Germans enter Namur and begin attack on Mons. Aug. 24—British begin retreat from Mons. Aug. 25—French evacuate Mülhausen. Aug. 26—Non-partisan French, Ossietzky organised. Germans take Longwy. Aug. 27—Louvain burned by Germans. Japanese blockade Tsingtao. Aug. 28—Battle of Heligoland. Sept. 2—German advance reaches Senlis, thirty miles from Paris, and swings eastward. French Government moves to Bordeaux. Sept. 3—Russians occupy Lemberg. Sept. 5—Battle of the Marne begins. Sept. 7—Maubeuge taken by the Germans. Sept. 12—German retreat halts on the Aisne. Sept. 20—Germans bombard Rheims and injure the famous Cathedral. Sept. 22—German submarine sinks British cruisers Aboukir, Cressy, and Hogue. Russians capture Jaroslav and invest Przemysl. Sept. 26—British troops from India land at Marseilles. Sept. 28—Germans begin siege of Antwerp. Oct. 2—Germans defeated at Augustow. Oct. 5—Belgian Government removed from Antwerp to Ostend. Oct. 7—Bombardment of Antwerp begins. Oct. 9—Antwerp occupied by the Germans.

Oct. 12—A Boer commando in the Cape Province mutinies.

Oct. 13—Belgian Government transferred from Ostend to Havre.

Oct. 14—Allies occupy Ypres. Battle begins on the Ypres.

Oct. 15—Ostend occupied by the Germans.

Oct. 16—British cruiser Hawk sunk by German submarine.

Oct. 24—Ten days' battle before Warsaw ends in German defeat.

Oct. 27—Russians reoccupy Lodz and Radom.

Oct. 29—Turkey begins war on Russia by naval attacks on Odessa and in the Crimea.

Oct. 30—Col. Mervitz, rebel leader driven out of Cape Colony.

Nov. 1—German naval victory off the coast of Chilli.

Nov. 3—German squadron makes a raid on British coast near Yarmouth.

Nov. 4—German cruiser Yorck strikes mine in Jade Bay and sinks.

Nov. 5—England and France declare war on Turkey. Dardanelles forts bombarded. Russians reoccupy Jaroslav.

Nov. 6—Tsingtao surrenders.

Nov. 7—Russians enter East Prussia.

Nov. 10—The Emden destroyed.

Nov. 11—Germans capture Dixmude.

Nov. 12—Russians occupy Johannisburg in East Prussia.

Nov. 19—House of Commons votes a new army of 1,000,000 men. More than 1,100,000 men already under arms, exclusive of Territorials.

Nov. 22—Russians surround German corps south of Lodz.

Nov. 26—British battleship Bulwark destroyed by explosion in the Medway River. Germans break through Russian circle near Lodz.

Dec. 1—Germany's Reichstag votes new credit of five billion marks for King George in Flanders.

Dec. 2—Austrians occupy Belgrade. Gen. De Wet captured.

Dec. 3—Serians turn on Austrians in three days' battle which ends in a notable Serbian victory.

Dec. 6—Germans occupy Lodz.

Dec. 8—British naval victory off Falkland Islands. British occupy Bussorab, in Asia Minor.

Dec. 9—Gen. Byers, Boer leader, killed at the Vaal River.

Dec. 13—British submarine sinks the French in Dardanelles.

Dec. 14—Serians capture large Austrian forces.

Dec. 15—Austrians evacuate Belgrade.

Dec. 16—German cruisers bombard Scarborough and Hartlepool.

Dec. 18—Egypt proclaimed a British protectorate. Gen. Botha regards Boer rebellion as at an end.

Dec. 20-26—Severe fighting on the line of the Bzura River.

Dec. 22—French Parliament assembles.

Dec. 23—French Chamber votes war credit of £340,000,000.

Dec. 25—British naval and aerial raid against Cuxhaven.

Dec. 28—French occupy St. Georges, near Niueport.

Jan. 1, 1915—British battleship Formidable sunk in the Suez Canal.

Jan. 3—French capture Steinbach.

Jan. 3-4—Russians win decisive victory over Turks in the Caucasus. Russians overrun Bukovina.

Jan. 8—French advance across Aisne, north of Soissons.

Jan. 13—Turks occupy Tabriz. Count Berchtold resigns.

Jan. 19—German air fleet bombard Yarmouth and other Norfolk coast towns.

Jan. 21—General Falkenhayn, German War Minister, resigns.

Jan. 23—British naval victory in North Sea: the Blucher sunk.

Jan. 26—Germans lose two battalions at Givenchy and Oissey.

Jan. 31—Germany inaugurates submarine raids on British shipping.

Feb. 3—German destroyer sunk by Russian submarine off Denmark. German auxiliary cruiser sunk off Patagonia.

Feb. 5—Turks attempt to cross Suez Canal.

Feb. 6—Allies resolve to unite financial resources.

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NOTICES.

KEROSENE OIL.

We guarantee all kerosene oil sold by us to be pure and unadulterated.

Present price—

“COMET”

\$3.85 per case ex store.

“WHITE ROSE”

\$4.25 per case ex store.

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“KWONG YUEN”

## Commercial.

**Freight.**  
Messrs. Whocock & Co.'s report for the fortnight ended April 15 states that there is little change to report in the homeward freight market, tonnage remaining very scarce; there is little likelihood of steamers calling at Gencu for some time to come for that reason. The question of the congestion of cargo at Continental and U. K. ports is a very serious one and is likely to remain so for a long time. Trade across the Pacific is brisk and shippers will be still further handicapped for space now, by the accident to the Minnesota, which has just been reported ashore in the Inland Sea of Japan. The "boom" in the coasting trade continues and freights are still advancing all round; in fact, reports from the South are to the effect that freights are being obtained there, which have never been heard of before, and still there is not enough tonnage to supply the demand. The next cargo boats on this berth are as under:—Marseilles and London, Yaska Maru (April 18), Nore (April 22), and Nellore (May 6); London, Carnarvonshire (April 19) and Helenus (April 19); Marseilles and Liverpool, Eumenaeus (April 21). The New York via Suez and Panama berth has been rather denuded of tonnage lately and the Indraadeo has been so delayed that she will not arrive until the end of the month; she is, however, expected to sail about May 3 via Suez and will be followed by the Bolton Castle via Panama on May 6, the Inveric via Suez on May 8, and the Tuscan Prince via Suez about May 23.

**Indigo Shortage.**  
Some interesting comments on the indigo position are made in Messrs. Lewis and Peat's report. They state that there is evidently a belief among home consumers that a good supply of synthetic will shortly be forthcoming, and that there will be no difficulty in securing sufficient for their requirements. It is not realised that a long time must elapse before any appreciable quantity can be produced, and even when supplies are more plentiful they cannot go far towards meeting the general consumption. It is useless to disguise the fact that the supplies of vegetable indigo will be quite inadequate for trade demands. While the present stock in London is 1,307 chests, only a small part of this is available, the greater part having been sold for actual consumption and export, and which must be shortly delivered. All the supplies for the year are now either being shipped or have already arrived in London, and Messrs. Lewis and Peat foresee a shortage before the new crops can be available. While prices are naturally on a high level, they are not higher in proportion than aniline colours, which have also experienced an important rise.

**Finances of Siam.**  
The budget estimates for B.E. 2458 (1915-16) have been published in the Government Gazette as follows:—

Tes.  
Revenue ... 70,000,000  
Expenditure ... 69,991,304

Surplus ... 8,306  
The above expenditure is that chargeable to revenue. The following is the expenditure not chargeable to revenue:—

Tes.  
Treasury Reserve ... 5,787,204  
Loan Account ... 7,980,000  
Loan Sinking Fund ... 714,120

14,491,414  
The latest year for which actual figures are available is 1912-13, when the revenue of the state amounted to Tes. 68,877,377, the largest on record. For the current year (1914-15), the budget estimate is Tes. 68,000,000, and in view of the great caution with which these estimates are framed, the further increase of two millions now budgeted for is eloquent of the financial stability of the country even in exceptional circumstances. The expenditure not chargeable to revenue is to be compared with Tes. 17,327,504, the budget estimate for the current year, and Tes. 10,976,604 in 1912-13, the latest actual figures available. In the current year as much as Tes. 16,997,174 is put down to loan account.

## SHARE REPORT.

## COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	Today's CLOSING PRICES	NUMBER OF SHARES	PAR VALUE	PAID UP	HIGHEST	LOWEST	HIGHEST, 23RD APR.	LOWEST, 23RD APR.	LAST DIVIDEND TO NOW	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE	1914.		1914.		1915.		1915.	
											SELLERS	SALES	BUYERS	NOMINAL				
Banks.																		
H'kong & Sh'ai Banking Corp.	\$800 a. £76/-	120,000	\$125	all	855	July.	700	Oct.	\$800	800	£2 3/- & 5/- bonus at ex 1/914 equal to \$27.37 for 1/2 year ending 31/12/14							
Marine Insurances.																		
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	380 s.	10,000	\$250	50	350	Dec.	305	Oct.	380	380	Final of \$3 a/c 1912. Interim of \$18 a/c 1913.							
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	180 b.	10,000	£15	£3	145	May	133	Jan.	180	175	Final of 12% p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1913							
Union Ins. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	855 s. & b.	12,400	\$250	100	847	April	700	Oct.	\$855	\$855	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$55 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914.							
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	820 s.	12,000	\$100	60	210	April	192	Jan.	220	220	Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914							
Fire Insurances.																		
Caino Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	130 s.	20,000	\$100	20	160	July.	140	Oct.	130	130	\$9 for 1913							
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	380 b.	8,000	\$250	50	395	Feb.	368	April	380	380	\$27 for 1913							
Shipping.																		
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	4514 s.	30,000	\$25	all	10	Jan.	514	Dec.	514	51	\$1 for 1906							
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	41 b.	20,000	\$50	all	36	Mar.	27	Nov.	41	40	\$3 for year ending 30/6/14							
H'kong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	22 b.	60,000	£15	all	29	Jan.	22	Dec.	22	22	Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts for year ending 31/12/14							
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	98 b.	60,000	£5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	100	98	Final of 3% mking 6% on preferred shares & 5% on deferred shares for year 1913							
Shell T'port & Trading Co., Ltd.	93 b.	3,797,610	£1	all	106	Feb.	70	Sept.	93	91/6	\$1.70 per share and bonus of 30 cents per share for year ending 30/6/14							
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	36 s.	40,000	\$10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	36	35								
Refineries.																		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	114 b.	20,000	\$100	all	26	Feb.	70	Nov.	114	112	\$3 for 1912							
Leven Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	528 s.	7,000	\$100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec.	28	28	\$3 for 1897							
Mining.																		
Keilan Mining Admin. T'ien.	33/6 s.	1,000,000	£1	all	41	Feb.	33/6	Dec.	33/6	33/6	Final of 5% Coupon No. 4. making 10% for year ending 30/6/14							
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	385 s.	200,000	£1	all	310	Jan.	190	Nov.	385	385	1/2 for 1909							
Tronch Mines Ltd.	32/6 s.	160,000	£1	all	39	Feb.	19/6	Nov.	32/6	32/6	1/2 mak. 7/6 a/c 1913							
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.																		
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	65 b.	50,000	\$50	all	59	Jan.	78	Nov.	65	65	\$3.50 for year 1914							
H'kong & W'p'g Co., Ltd.	57 b.	50,000	\$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	57	57	\$3 dividend for year 1914							
S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	53 b.	55,700	t. 100	all	60	July	50	Dec.	53	53	Ths. 5 for 1913							
S'hai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	85 b.	36,000	t. 100	all	109	Jan.	82	Dec.	85	85	Ths. 5 for 1914							
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.																		
Anglo French Lands	94 s.	13,000	t. 100	t. 100	—	—	—	—	94	94	Ths. 6 1/2 for year ending 29/2/14							
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	118 s.	20,000	\$50	50	128	July	120	Dec.	118	118	(\$2.50 for half year ending 31/12/14							
H'kong Land Investment Co.	108 s.	50,000	\$100	all	117	July	98	Nov.	110	108	\$3 for year ending 31/12/14							
H'phrey's Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	87 s.	150,000	\$10	all	94	Jan.	7	Nov.	7	7	45 cents for year 1914							
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	40 b.	6,000	\$50	50	45	Jan.	44	Feb.	40	40	\$3 for 1914							
Shanghai Lands	101 s.	78,000	t. 50	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct.	101	101	Final of 6 p.c. making 12 p.c. for 1914							
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	1684 s.	12,500	\$50	all	73	June	66	Feb.	68	68	\$2.25 for half year ending 31/12/14							
H'kong Central Estates	100 s.	10,000	\$100	all	73	June	66	Feb.	68	68	\$4.09 for 7 months ending 31/12/14							
Cotton Mills.																		
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	142 b.	20,000	t. 50	all	138	July	125	May	142	141	Ths. 12 for year ending 31/10/14							
H'kong Cotton Co.	72 s. b.	125,000	\$10	all	84	Mar.	7	June	74	69	50 cents 31/7/08							
Kung Yik	13 s.	75,000	t. 10	all	142	Jan.	11	Mar.	13	13	Ths. 1.20 for year ending 30/11/14							
Laou Kung Mow	66 s.	8,000	t. 100	all	110	Feb.	70	May	86	86	Ths. 12 for 1913							

## WAR TELEGRAMS.

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## THE BATTLE OF YPRES.

## FOUR DAYS' CEASELESS FIGHTING.

## Conflicting Accounts of Gas Process.

April 27, 11.50 a.m.

Despatches from Holland state that the main German strength north-east of Ypres is persistently attacking the British, whose left the Germans are trying to turn with a view to capturing Ypres. Fighting has been ceaseless for four days and nights. A heavy attack was made on the coast on Sunday night between Zeebrugge and Westende. The bombardment lasted from ten in the evening until five in the morning.

Accounts of the German's poisonous gas process are conflicting. Some state that the Germans are arrayed in a costume resembling that of divers, armed with generators three feet high which are connected with an ordinary hose pipe and are turned on the French lines. Others maintain that the Germans sprayed the earth in front of the trenches with a fluid which ignited and gave off fumes. The Germans also fired shells loaded with chemicals which stupefied and blinded their opponents.

## THE YPRES BATTLE STIMULATES RECRUITING.

April 27.

Narratives of the fighting around Ypres have stimulated recruiting everywhere in the metropolis, especially at the central depot, where remarkable numbers were enlisted chiefly for infantry and artillery.

## WAR BRIEFLETS.

A new list of prohibited exports from Holland includes nitrous acid and butter, which had been temporarily removed from the list.

The Berlin City Council voted unanimously for the 1915 Budget. Socialists voted in favour of the Budget for the first time.

It is stated that the German aeroplane which dropped bombs on Belfast on March 22 displayed French colours.—Reuter.

The Rev. Michael Adler, who is the first Jewish chaplain to accompany a British force in the field, has returned to England after spending some weeks in France.

The prize steamer Kamerun, of 5,831 tons, which was to have been sold shortly by public auction, has been acquired for Government service. The Kamerun belonged to the Hamburg-American Line, and was found abandoned up a creek in the Kamerun River, German West Africa. She has been lying at Liverpool since February 1.

Thirteen vessels, chiefly from Australia, arrived in the Mersey in one week with 140,000 mutton and lamb carcasses, and 110,000 quarters of beef, this being the heaviest week's shipment of meat since the outbreak of war.

According to a telegram from Moscow (says the Press Association's Petrograd correspondent) the German military authorities are requisitioning all Hagenbeck's Circus elephants for transport purposes.

A Copenhagen telegram states that the majority of the Northern shipping company of Copenhagen, refuse to accept goods of German origin for America. It is stated that the Italian and Dutch Governments will take the same standpoint.

The 1914 War Society (Self-Help for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors) has decided to make May 1 "Forget-me-Not Day" in aid of

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The services to Germany, Austria, and their Colonies, and to the Ottoman Empire are suspended as are also the Parcel Post services to France & Tsingtao.

A new and revised edition of the Hongkong Postal Guide is now on sale at the General Post Office: Price 50 cents per copy.

## MAIL DUE.

Europe, Yachting, 30th inst.

## MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Straits, Burmah, India via Calcutta.—Per SANTHIA, 29th inst, 10 a.m.

Siberian Mail. Shanghai and North China (Shanghai via Siberia) —Per LIANGHOU, 29th inst, 3 p.m.

(Tientsin-Fukow Service Shanghai Br. P.O. Tuesday, the 4th May.)

Newchwang —Per SHAOHSING, 29th April, 3 p.m.

## FRIDAY, 30th April.

Halphong —Per SUNKUANG, 30th inst, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow —Per HAI-CHING, 30th inst, noon.

Straits, Ceylon, India via Bombay —Per JAVA M., 30th inst, 4 p.m.

## SATURDAY, 1st May.

Halphong —Per TAKSANG, 1st May, 9 a.m.

Halphong —Per DAIGI M., 1st May, 9 p.m.

Holhoy & Pakhoi —Per WENCHOW, 1st May, 10 a.m.

Sabah Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe. —For E. SIDONS, 1st May, 11 a.m.

American & Canadian Mail. Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, Aden, Japan via Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver, & U. Kingdom via Canada —Per MONTEAGLE, 1st May, 11 a.m.

Philippines —Per YUENSANG, 1st May, 2 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia) —Per KANCHOW, 1st May, 4 p.m.

(Tientsin-Fukow Service Shanghai Br. P.O. Wednesday, 5th May.)

## SUNDAY, 2nd May.

Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Tamsui —For DAJIN M., 2nd inst, 9 a.m.

## TUESDAY, 4th May.

Philippines —Per TEAN, 4th May, 3 p.m.

American & Canadian Mail. Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, Aden, North China, Japan via Mt. Pleasant, Victoria, B.C., & Seattle United Kingdom via Canada, —For SADO MARU, 4th May, 3 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China —Per LUCHOW, 4th May, 4 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, 5th May.

Philippines Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, via Port Darwin, and New Guinea, —For TAI-YUEN, 5th May, 11 a.m.

## FRIDAY, 7th May.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe. (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The parcel mail will be closed on Thursday, 6th May, at 5 p.m. —For SARDINIA, 7th May, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow —For HAITAN, 7th May, noon.

## TUESDAY, 11th May.

Philippines Islands —Per CHINHUA, 11th May, 3 p.m.

## SATURDAY, 15th May.

Australia, Tasmania, via Port Darwin & New Guinea via Thursday, 16th May —For EASTERN, 15th May 10 a.m.

India —For ALEXANDRA CAFE.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Hangkong, Br. a.s. 1,386, S. Wide, 23th inst.—Salon, 23rd inst, Rice.—J. M. & Co.

Daifin Maru, Jap. a.s. 899, K. Murakami, 23th inst.—Swatow, 27th instant, Gen.—O.S.K.

Taihun, Chinese a.s. 1,200, Westerland, 23th inst.—Shanghai, 24th inst, Gen.—C. M. & Co.

Sungkien, Br. a.s. 937, J. Robinson, 23th inst.—Hohow, 16th inst, Gen.—B. & S.

Changchun, Br. a.s. 1,303, G. Morse, 23th inst.—Bangkok, 19th inst, Gen.—B. & S.

Tjilwong, Dut. a.s. 3,081, A. Oldenburger, 23th inst.—Saigon, 22nd instant, Rice & Wood—Chinese.

Halchong, Br. a.s. 1,367, W. C. Passmore, 23th inst.—Swatow, 27th instant, General—D. L. & Co.

Daiji Maru, Jap. a.s. 663, S. Tokushige, 27th inst.—Haiphong, 25th inst, Gen.—O.S.K.

## DEPARTED.

April 27.

Boyan for Haiphong via Hohow

Nippon Maru for San Francisco Manila

Chelan Maru for Canton

Tatman for San Francisco via Kobe

Haitan for Foochow via Swatow

Kaifong for Haiphong via Hohow

Taming for Manila and Iloilo

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

April 27.

Kueichow for Tientsin via Wei-hai-wei

Anhui for Shanghai

Kungping for Shanghai via Ningpo

Standard for Swatow & Bangkok

Sohu Maru for Aping via Swatow

Nio Maru for Bombay via Singapore

Esang for Shanghai via Swatow

Tsingtao Maru for Chinawantao

Winnmar for Bombay via Karaohi

Hudson Maru for Kobe

April 28.

Hsinchang for Tientsin via Shanghai

Haiphong for Tientsin via Shanghai

Haimun for Swatow

Taksang for Haiphong

Tumai Maru for Port Said via Singapore

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

For s.s. Changchow from Bangkok

Messrs Alexander, Jenkins, Jonson,

(Tientsin-Fukow Service Shanghai Br. P.O. Wednesday, 5th May.)

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Pers. Nore for London etc.—Messrs

J. Dickson, Hart, Sergt C. F. A. Burford, Instr. R. Duncan, Dr. Frances Clark, Gndr. & Mrs. H. E. Hillman, K. N. W. G. Clark, Mrs. Niclai, Mrs. Elizabeth Niclai, Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Hart, Miss Beatrice, Mr. & Mrs. E. Tweedie, W. Knight, W. M. Black, F. J. Meers, F. J. A. Williams, B. & S. Stott, O. C. Knight, Lam Kai-mee, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Kinney, Mr. & Mrs. T. P. Waterhouse, Mrs. E. Norberg, M. T. Johnson.

For s.s. Nippon Maru for San Francisco etc.—Miss K. Kierow, Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Fish, R. A. Boyers, Col J. L. Johnson, W. H. Robinson, Dr. & Mrs. L. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. G. Hayes, Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. R. P. Greer, Mrs. A. M. Newcombe, Miss M. E. Harrison, Miss G. Hule, Miss F. Whittier, B. Megie, Moore, S. V. A. Uidal, J. W. McConville, E. H. Chulsen, F. R. Lough, R. S. Lo May, A. D. Cooper, M. Adler, O. L. Gibson, G. McAlpin, C. McCarthy, M. S. Robson, Miss Duncan, Rev. & Mrs. R. E. Gullion.

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W. JEFFRIES, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, April 28.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, a blue sky, a detached cloud, a drizzling rain, a fog, a gloomy, a hall, lightning, a overcast, p. trace of rain, a squall, a rain, a snow, a thunder, a visibility, a dew wet.

6 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

7 Wind force, in Beaufort Scale.

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